

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS
JONESBORO DIVISION**

VALARIE BROWN

PLAINTIFF

v.

Case No. 3:18-cv-00212-KGB

**SWIFT TRANSPORTATION CO.
OF ARIZONA LLC, *et al.*,**

DEFENDANTS


ORDER

Before the Court is a joint motion to continue trial date and modify scheduling order filed by plaintiff Valarie Brown (Dkt. No. 16). Also before the Court is the parties' joint motion for extension of discovery deadlines (Dkt. No. 14). In the motion for extension of discovery deadlines, the parties ask the Court to extend Ms. Brown's expert disclosures deadline from May 31, 2019, to August 1, 2019; defendants' expert disclosures deadline from June 21, 2019, to August 15, 2019; and the discovery deadline from August 30, 2019, to September 13, 2019 (Dkt. No. 14, ¶ 3). The stated purpose of these extensions was to permit Ms. Brown to undergo surgery and then complete expert identification and discovery (*Id.*). The parties noted in that motion that they were not seeking a continuance of the trial date (*Id.*, ¶ 4).

In the joint motion to continue trial date and modify scheduling order, Ms. Brown represents that she intends to undergo an independent medical examination to assess the permanency of her injuries and the extent of any vocational restrictions, but she notes that this evaluation cannot be performed at this time because her medical treatment is ongoing (Dkt. No. 16, at 2). Ms. Brown therefore requests that the Court enter an order continuing the trial date and allowing the parties to present a modified scheduling order for the Court's review (*Id.*). Ms. Brown further represents that counsel for defendants do not oppose this request (*Id.*).

For good cause shown, the Court grants the joint motion to continue trial date and modify scheduling order filed by Ms. Brown (Dkt. No. 16). This matter will be removed from the Court's trial calendar for the week of October 7, 2019. The parties are directed to submit new proposed dates for an Amended Final Scheduling Order, after which the Court will issue an Amended Final Scheduling Order with the new trial date and setting revised pretrial deadlines by separate order. As the relief sought by the parties in their joint motion for extension of discovery deadlines will be accomplished *via* entry of the Amended Final Scheduling Order, the Court denies as moot the joint motion for extension of discovery deadlines (Dkt. No. 14).

So ordered this the 13th day of August 2019.



Kristine G. Baker
United States District Judge